Shifting business process of Registrar of Companies to E-Governance mode

2144. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to reduce the paperwork, Government propose to shift entire business process of Registrar of Companies to e-Governance mode; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals alongwith status of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Company Affairs (MCA) has launched an ambitious e-Governance and modernization programme called 'MCA21 e-Governance Project' on 01.03.2005. The Project aims at transforming MCA into a paperless, modern, service-oriented, quality conscious and customer centric organization, envisages shifting entire business process of Registrar of Companies to e-Governance mode. After implementation, all services, such as registration of new companies, filing of annual returns and balance sheets, filing of event based documents and also viewing of documents etc. will be available to public online through Internet.

The Project envisages:

— Digitisation of legacy data of Companies and Annual Returns & Balance Sheets of two years running into approx. 6.0 crore pages.

— Setting-up of facilitation centers at 53 locations throughout the country. These are known as Physical Front Offices (PFOs) and will remain operational for a period of three years.

As per plan, the Project is to be implemented within a period of 60 weeks starting 1.3.2005. The Project implementation will start as pilots from mid January in phases leading to nation-wide rollout by the end of April, 2006. The implementation is going ahead as per schedule.